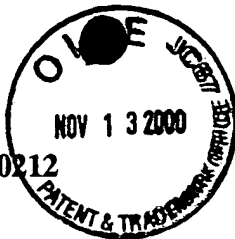


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows.